

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/207,086—
filed on May 25, 2000, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 -- Conventionally, programmers at two businesses wishing to automatically exchange data would have to agree on how the information would be exchanged. For example, when company A decides to order 10 parts having a part number 3614 for delivery on April 28, 2001, company A would send company B a data stream similar to 10,3614,_April 28,2001. The programmers at each company would have to modify application programs at the two locations to include computer code for the formation, transport and protocol used for the exchange of such information. Furthermore, each ~~filed~~ field would have to be a predetermined length and transmitted in the correct order.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A3 -- A second envelope may~~be~~ automatically be generated from the information contained in the first software envelope. The second envelope may have a destination address matching the source address of the first envelope. Alternatively, the second envelope may have a destination address determined by state information contained in the first envelope.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--A number of program modules can be stored on the hard disk, magnetic disk 190, optical disk 192, ROM 140 or RAM 150, including an operating system 195, one or more application programs 196, other program modules 197, and program data 198. A user can enter commands and information into computer 100 through input devices, such as a keyboard 101 and a pointing device 102. Other input devices (not shown) may include a microphone, joystick, game pad, satellite dish, scanner, or the like. These and other input devices are often connected to the processing unit 110 through a serial port interface 106 that is coupled to the system bus, but may be connected by other interfaces, such as a parallel port, a game port, a universal serial bus (USB) or through a PCI board. A monitor 107 or other type of display device is also connected to system bus 130 via an interface, such as a video adapter 108. In addition to the monitor, personal computers typically include other peripheral output devices (not shown), such as speakers and printers. An IEEE 1394 interface 142 also connects a bus 145 to system bus 130.
Bus 145 allows for the interconnecting of devices 152a and 152b.--